

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/520,806
Applicant : AKKAR, Mehdi-Laurent
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Customer No. : 41754

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Commissioner for Patents
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Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182

Dear Sir:

The application number listed above was originally filed with the USPTO PCT Division on January 10, 2005 via express mail # ED209266085US. On April 14, 2006 a Notice of Missing Requirements was issued noting that the search fee, the oath or declarations of the inventors and a surcharge fee were due to complete the requirements for acceptance.

A reply to the Notice of Missing Requirements was faxed to (571) 270-9872 on June 13, 2006 at 4:24 CST. The former partner of the undersigned submitted the reply while the undersigned was on an extended vacation.

However, when checking on this application status my assistant called the PCT Help Desk and was told that the reply that was submitted on June 13, 2006 was not on file in the IFW. My assistant left four messages over the course of the next two weeks for Mr. Lamont Hunter, who is the contact listed on the Notice of Missing Requirements.

Mr. Hunter never returned the calls to our office. Finally my assistant spoke to a Ms. Shian Luong at the PCT Help Desk on July 27, 2007 who attempted to trace the reply using the fax number the reply was submitted to. She was unable to find the fax number in a directory and suggested that we file a Petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to stop the abandonment on this case.

Applicants respectfully request that the reply to the Notice of Missing Requirements faxed on June 13, 2006 be considered a full response to the Notice of Missing Requirements. Attached with this petition is a copy of the reply packet that was sent on June 13, 2006 including the transmission verification report detailing the date and time of the fax transmission. Applicants respectfully request that any abandonment of this application be halted and the application be considered to be in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 8, 2007

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